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In re Application of: )  
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E. MIES, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 1731  
Application No.: 10/717,856 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
FORMING LOW OPTICAL LOSS )  
SPICES ) February 14, 2005

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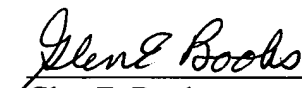
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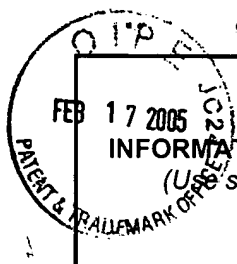
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